

**RESOLUTION NO. 11
SERIES 2006**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF THE GUNNISON COUNTY JAIL BALLOT INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, the existing Gunnison County Jail, having been built 25 years ago to house eighteen inmates and now houses approximately two and one-half times that number, is seriously overcrowded; and

WHEREAS, the average inmate count grew approximately 180% over the last 10 years to reach a peak count of forty-seven inmates; and

WHEREAS, the average daily inmate count is projected to increase to fifty inmates, with a peak count of eighty inmates, before the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the overcrowding and deteriorating condition of the jail facility put the Gunnison County Sheriff's staff, jail visitors and inmates, and citizens of the surrounding neighborhood in potential harmful situations; and

WHEREAS, the County proposes to construct a new structure onto the southeast corner of the existing County Courthouse building to be used only as a detention facility which will expand the inmate bed capacity to sixty-four, with possible future expansion to ninety-two beds; and

WHEREAS, the County proposes to construct a landscaped parking lot on the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn in order to help mitigate parking problems created by the facility expansion; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to construct and finance a jail facility in a fiscally responsible manner that is readily monitored by the public; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Gunnison County jail ballot initiative proposes a cost effective solution to the County taxpayers, having considered possible variables of jail location, design, security and financial mechanisms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, THAT:

The City Council of the City of Gunnison hereby declares its support of the Gunnison County Jail Initiative on the November 7, 2006, ballot.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, held this 26th day of September, 2006.

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk